No, Sir. Revision of norms for opening of post offices carried out in 1986 and 1987 were intended only to regulate opening of new post offices.

Ob) Does not arise.

(c) As part °f planned development post offices as justified by the current norms are opened in all Circles, inclu. ding Andhra Pradesh.

(d) During the current year (1987-88) two post offices have been sanctioned in Andhra Pradesh. Proposals in respect of 1988-89 are not yet finalised.

**Energy Sources**

1206. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the sources of energy available in India;

(b) the sources of energy available in the advanced countries of the world;

(c) the per capita consumption of electricity in India as against average consumption in European countries,
and

(d) what steps are being taken to tap hydroelectricity sources in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTR-S OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The primary sources of energy available in India are coal, lignite, petroleum, natural gau, hydro power, nuclear power, solar radiation, wind, tidal power geothermal energy, fuelwood, anirmil dung and agricultural wastes.

(b) The sources of energy available in the advanced countries of the world are more or less similar to those availuble in India, but their shares vary from country to country.

(c) The per capita electricity consumption in India in 1985-86 was about 178 Kwh as against the average of about 4858 Kwh in 1984 in European countries.

(d) Development of hydel capacity has always formed an integral part of the planning for power sector. At present about 32 per cent of the total installed capacity in the country is hydro based and programmes for tapping the potential further are at various stages of investigation execution.

**Losses of Coal India Limited**

1207. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state;

(a) whether Coal India Limited is suffering heavy losses; if so, the amount of loss suffered by it during the years 1985, 1986, 1987 and so far in 1988;

(b) what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government are taking $t_0$ make Coal India Limited a profitable company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) to (c) Loss suffered by Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries during the last three years, was as under; —

| Year | Loss suffered (Rs. in crores) |
|---|---|
| 1984-85 . | 78. 03 |
| 1985-86. | 404-18 |
| 1986-87. | 331. 75 |

Accounts for the year 1987-88 are yet to be finalised.